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## ALNWICK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1943.

This report is a brief interim report prepared on the lines of that for 1942.

The Area of the District remains the same as in previous years.

Vital Statistics.

The Birth Rate (adjusted for inward and outward transfers.)  
- 15.3 per thousand per annum.

1942 - 16.4      1941 - 14.3  
England and Wales 1943 - 16.5

The Death Rate (adjusted for inward and outward transfer.)  
- 12.4 per thousand per annum.

1942 - 13.7      1941 - 16.6.  
England and Wales 1943 - 12.1.

The Infantile Death Rate - 46.7 per thousand births.

1942 - 44.16      1941 - 100.  
England and Wales 1943 - 49.

No deaths occurred in illegitimate children under one year of age. One death was caused by Infantile Diarrhoea.

Amongst the causes of death were the following:-

Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	Cancer	7
Other tuberculosis Disease	2	Heart disease	25
Respiratory diseases.	6	Puerperal Fever	0

Infectious Disease.

The number of Infectious Diseases notified - 47

Scarlet Fever	22	Tuberculosis	8
Chicken Pox	15	Diphtheria	2

Seventeen cases of Infectious Disease were admitted to the Fever Hospital as follows:-

Diphtheria 1. Scarlet Fever 15. Vincents Angena 1.

A smaller number of cases of Scabies and Impetigo were brought to my notice than in the previous year.

Water.

The Water Supply for the District has been adequate for the needs of the present population and its quality is good.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

About 100 immunizations against Diphtheria were carried out during the year and no case of Diphtheria occurred in a child who had been fully immunized.

Summary.

The general health of the District has been good. The epidemic of Scarlet Fever was of a mild character and no deaths resulted from it. No exceptional administrative measures were taken or recommended during the year.

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